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Subject: RE: CZARA/EPA in plain English
Attachments: OR CZARA Decision Doc 12-20-13.pdf

David,

I have attached the NOAA-EPA document that forms the basis for our proposed decisions. We tried to write it in plain English, for example, by defining every acronym used the first time it was used and explaining the purpose of each management measure we feel the state has been deficient in. The document also comes with a long list of references that support key statements, so it is very well supported scientifically and otherwise. The attached document came from this web page, which may have related documents that you may be interested in:

http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/nonpoint/pro_approve.html#Oregon

I hope it helps.

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I have been a member of a drinking water source protection group in Oceanside, OR. As you probably know, the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act called for public water districts to voluntarily bring about such citizen groups. That was a long time ago, and it is my impression that many many communities like ours lay dormant. Only recently have some of us become interested in the idea, and in our work to learn about the issues tumbled upon the SDWA, and after about 9 months have catalogued multiple ongoing risks to our source watershed, have become aware of the silo behavior of multiple agencies in the state and county that all have a piece of water quality but don't actually protect the water. We are aware of the multiple Federal laws that overlap in concern for water quality, and finally we are aware of the recent EPA/CZARA decision to withdraw funding from Oregon pending a 90 day comment period ending March 20, 2014, less than a month away.

My group in Oceanside/Cape Meares, serving the Oceanside Water District, has joined with several other communities along the North Coast to form a coalition. Most of us are ordinary citizens from different walks of life and educational backgrounds. We have found that many documents are so full of acronyms, and oriented to agency employees in government that they are almost incomprehensible. Yet, we have been on the ground with, to us, the new discoveries of overlaps and gaps, of non-enforcement, of a Board of Forestry who is zealous not about water or threatened and endangered species, but is platitudinous about how "protection of the natural forest" (as though there is such a thing anymore) is what we believe in, and that attitude should suffice, that any specific regulations would increase costs of the forest owner who would then sell their land to the developers.... That seems to be Oregon's plan. Key administrative rules in the Forest Practices Act that would protect water are written with qualifying words, such as "if feasible" or "if practical."

Do you have a document written for citizen water protection groups, that would help my group and our coalition, that would clarify exactly what you are expecting of Oregon. We would like to target our comments to the needs--which appear to show how MP's (management practices?) don't work in our area to protect the water. If you do, please send an electronic copy. I found your name and email address at the end of the power point

<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/upload/CoordinatingCZARA-319.pdf> presentation. This came the closest to anything I've seen to "CZARA/EPA for Dummies" which is what I'm looking for.

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